

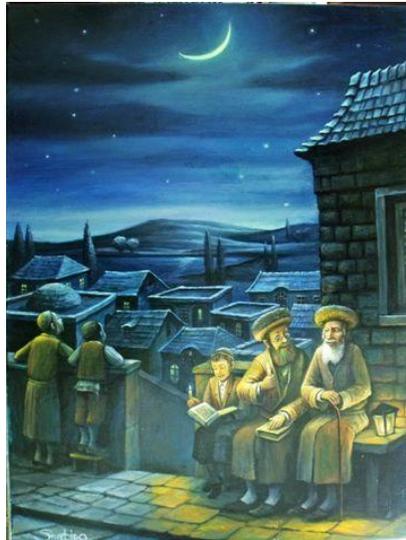


MA CHADASH! **מה חדש!**

What's New! The newsletter of Temple Shalom Synagogue Center, Auburn, Maine ק"ק היכל שלום

August 2018/ Av/Elul 5778

**Bonnie and Larry Faiman
Cordially Invite the
Temple Shalom Community
to our Fifth-Annual
Kiddush Levana Event!**



When: Saturday, August 18th, at 7:00 pm
**Where: At the home of Bonnie and Larry Faiman,
1 Shore Path Road, in Auburn.**

Dessert and scintillating conversation will be served.

**The Kiddush Levana/Havdallah service will be
accompanied by Instrumental music, singing, and dancing.**

Please RSVP, 786-4201 or temple6359@aol.com

FROM THE RABBI



The Chup

Recently when I was asked, as I am frequently, why I left the ultra-Orthodox world in which I was raised and educated, I thought about something that I had not thought about in decades, the “chup.”

The chup (pronounced, “choop”) referred to even the smallest amount of hair that extended from a Yeshiva boy’s forehead. It is a derisive form of the Yiddish word, “tsup” (plural, “tsep”). Tsep, which means braids, was the only acceptable hairstyle for the ultra-Orthodox girl, but on a boy, long hair or even worse, a ponytail, symbolized the dreaded hippie. As the 60’s turned into the 70’s, John Travolta replaced Abbie Hoffman as the personification of unholiness to the sartorially obsessed Rabbis and by the time I got to Yeshiva High School, the chup was used exclusively to describe offensive frontal hair.

The chup, was the hot-button issue as I entered the 9th grade. It was what the Yeshiva Rabbis most talked about and railed against (bell bottom pants ran a close second) always in a mocking tone. Even as a 13-year-old, I had a visceral sense that there was something misguided about these Rabbis priorities. But that would not have been enough, I don’t think, to make me question my place in this world. It was the cruelty.

Not infrequently, one Rabbi or another would fixate on the head of one of my classmates, usually the same one, refuse to let him enter the Yeshiva for the day and order him to “take a haircut” before coming back to Yeshiva— gleefully adding the following threat while brandishing a scissors: “if you come back with that chup, we will hold you down and cut it off ourselves.” I don’t recall ever witnessing a violent hair cutting—I am sure it happened—but the threat of violence was enough to send the boy back into the streets, close to tears. The boy, whose face I can still picture, was not trying to be rebellious, he simply came from a home that, although very Orthodox, was not yet aware that to these holy Rabbis, the chup was the first enemy of Judaism.

This was my earliest realization, that people who proclaim to be holy messengers of God can act in very unholy ways. That there is a very thin line between fanaticism and cruelty. As in the incident at the Lod court house that I described in last month’s column. Or in Jerusalem this week when ultra-Orthodox fanatics stole a prayer book from a women’s group holding their monthly prayer service at the women’s section of the Western Wall, lit it on fire, and then laughed as one of the women burned herself while trying to rescue the holy book.

So when I think about what made me reject the religious world in which I was raised, the chup is (literally?) top of mind.

Rabbi Sruli

P.S. Rabbi Sruli and Lisa will conduct classes and lead Shabbat singing and a Tish at KlezKanada, the annual retreat for Klezmer music and Yiddish language, held in St. Agathe, Quebec, from Monday, August 20th through Sunday August 26th.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Actions have consequences. Inaction also has consequences. If someone yells 'help' and no action is taken, what could happen? Could someone drown? Could someone be injured? Could someone be lost? Each of us is responsible to help and take action and do what we can to assist..to help the drowning...to help the injured...to find the lost. If one does not assist, then the responsibility for the consequences lies with that person, as if that person had caused the person to drown, become injured or lost. If you do not assist, when you could, then you have to answer to yourself. If you actually caused the drowning or injury, then you have to face both the moral and legal consequences.

The Temple needs your help. We are not drowning. We are not injured. We are not lost. However, we need to continue to find a way to bring our financial house in order...and I am saying 'help'. We have done better the last couple of years, but we need to do more...you need to do more. We need to raise more money to ensure the long term future of our Temple. We need to raise small amounts and large amounts. How can you help? The easy answer, is write a check.

However, there are other ways to help as well. For instance, when you buy something on Amazon, go to www.Smile.Amazon.com. The prices are the same as on Amazon.com and a percentage of every purchase goes to the Temple. If you have not done so, please go to www.Smile.Amazon.com and register and designate Temple Shalom – Auburn Maine, as the charity that you want to benefit from your Amazon purchases. Then, each time you want to go to Amazon, go to www.Smile.Amazon.com. Anne and I do this for all of our personal and business purchases. An easy way to help the Temple.

Are you using CLINK bags? These are free bags, available at the Temple. Put all of your returnable bottles and cans in the CLINK bag and then bring the bag to Hannaford. Instead of giving you the returnable money, the money will be put into the Temple's account and a periodic check will be sent to the Temple. Another easy way to help the Temple.

For \$250 you can sponsor one month of the Ma Chadash. You can do this in memory or honor of someone or just like that. (Call David or Julie 786-4201)

You can sponsor an event. The minimum is \$250 and you can put a cap on the amount you are willing to donate. Do this in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone. (Call Lesli for details.)

All of us are responsible to help when asked. I am asking. Do you want to face the consequences of not helping? Do you want to know that you could have made a difference but choose not to? In this case, there is no legal responsibility to help, but there is a moral one. Please help. Please be the positive difference. Face the positive consequences of helping when asked. I am asking.

David Allen

This month's Ma Chadash is sponsored by Bertha Bodenheimer

"In honor of David Allen's birthday, Mom is so proud of you!"

Call Julie to see how you can sponsor an issue of the Ma Chadash.



Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, August 28th

Lunch at 12:00—Learn from 12:30 to 1:30

We will study interesting selections from the

The High Holiday Prayer Book (Machzor)

**Anne Allen has once again graciously offered her home,
so we will meet at**

1 Locksley Road, Auburn

Please RSVP to the Temple Office, 786-4201

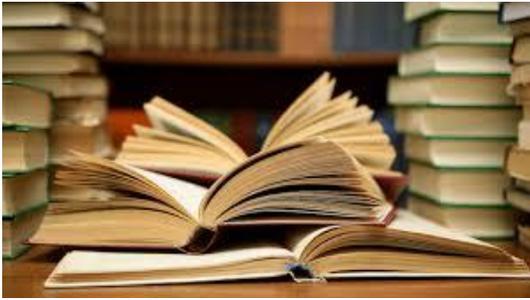
Yahrzeiten

If you are observing a yahrzeit and are planning to come to Thursday morning minyan to say Kaddish, we urge you to contact **Bob Laskoff** (ral@laskofflaw.com) and let him know so that he can include that information in his weekly reminder email. It is your responsibility to call friends and neighbors to make sure there are enough people for the minyan.



We all enjoy our Thursday morning Minyans and breakfast schmoozes. **HELP!** We need volunteers to shop and setup. A sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!BOOK GROUP NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



The Orphan's Tale by Pam Jenoff was the book discussed on July 9. In attendance was Judy Abromson, Joel Olstein, Sandy Traister, Bonnie Faiman, Bertha Bodenheimer and me, Lesli Weiner. It was a small group, but a big discussion. We found it fascinating to get an inside look at a German circus as the Nazi regime spread across Europe. Apparently, historical facts support Jenoff's story of Jews hiding

out among circus folk. We loved the ending where she brought us "up-to-date" on what happened to the surviving characters. I don't want to tell you too much about the story as you should definitely read this one yourself.

Our next book, *Call Me By Your Name* by Andre Aciman, is also the major motion picture that won an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay. Here is a description from Publishers Weekly:

"Egyptian-born Aciman is the author of the acclaimed memoir *Out of Egypt* and of the essay collection *False Papers*. His first novel poignantly probes a boy's erotic coming-of-age at his family's Italian Mediterranean home. Elio—17, extremely well-read, sensitive and the son of a prominent expatriate professor—finds himself troublingly attracted to this year's visiting resident scholar, recruited by his father from an American university. Oliver is 24, breezy and spontaneous, and at work on a book about Heraclitus. The young men loll about in bathing suits, play tennis, jog along the Italian Riviera and flirt. Both also flirt (and more) with women among their circle of friends, but Elio, who narrates, yearns for Oliver. Their shared literary interests and Jewishness help impart a sense of intimacy, and when they do consummate their passion in Oliver's room, they call each other by the other's name. A trip to Rome, sanctioned by Elio's prescient father, ushers Elio fully into first love's joy and pain, and his travails set up a well-managed look into Elio's future. Aciman overcomes an occasionally awkward structure with elegant writing in Elio's sweet and sanguine voice."

Join us to discuss this erotic coming-of-age story on MONDAY, AUGUST 13 at 4 PM. I highly recommend the movie which can also be taken out of the library.....lesli



Rabbi Sruli is always happy to speak with and meet with members or our Temple. Please call or text Rabbi Sruli on his cell phone at 914-980-9509 if you would like to speak with him or to arrange a time for a meeting. You can also call or leave a message at the Temple office and Rabbi Sruli will get back to you.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FEMALE-ONLY EVENT TO WELCOME THE NEW MOON ROSH CHODESH

at Bertha Bodenheimer's summer cottage on Taylor Pond.
74 Waterview Rd., Auburn, cell phone: 203-918-0460

MONDAY, AUGUST 6
5:30PM
POTLUCK



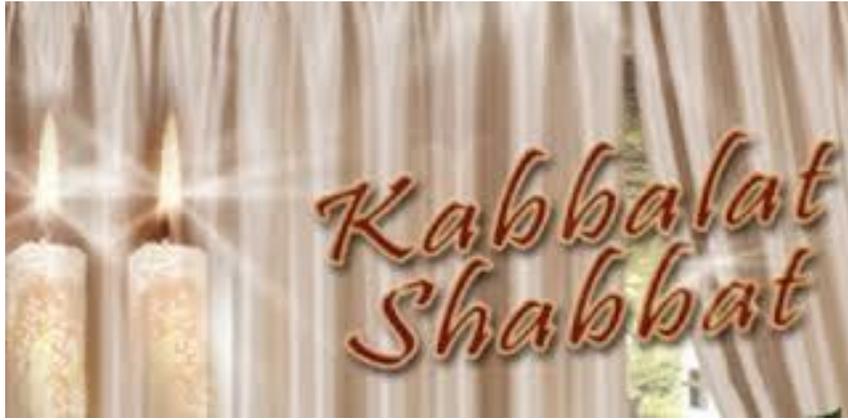
It's a fun gathering full of song, food and conversation.

Please RSVP with intended
potluck contribution
786-4201 or temple6359@aol.com

Directions: from Hotel Road take East Shore Road. This is the same road you take to the Faiman's home and to the Olstein's home.

Take the first right which is Waterview Drive. My cottage is 7 houses down on the water side. Both cottages are beige and there is a marker on the tree.

For those of you who know the Olstein's cottage I am only 4 down from them. Parking is tight so those of you who do not mind walking can park at the Olstein's. In my yard, please park close together and one behind the other 2 deep so we can park about 10 cars.



**This month's traditional and musical
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
will be held on Friday, August 10th at 7 p.m.**

The Service will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

There will be no Shabbat Services on Saturday, August 11th.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

We pray for refuah sh'leimah – the full and speedy recovery of **Georgette Belanger, Phil Bray, Gary Buckman, John Calloway, June Wilner Chason, Lloyd W. Cohen, Enid Ehrlich, Louise Forgues, Isaak Gekhtin, Anne Geller, Ariella Green, Sharon Hemond, Michael Jesser, Elizabeth Johnson, Suzan Katzir, Helene Krasner, Jimi LaPerriere, Susan Lifter, Bruce Meyer, Sandy Miller, Maude Olsen, Marsha Plavnick, Judy Rizk, Sybil Rohilly, Joel Salberg, Bert Silverstein, Sara Tedlow, Sandy Traister, Neal Weiner,** and all others who are not well at this time.



We like to hear good news! Whenever you request that a name be put on this list, please let Temple Shalom know when it can be removed.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Trinity Jubilee Center is in need of soup kitchen volunteers. Volunteers are needed on Saturdays from 9-12:30 to help prepare, serve, and clean up lunch. Volunteers are also needed on weekday mornings to transport food donations. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old. Please email trinitylewiston@gmail.com if you are interested. Donations of backpacks, steel-toed boots, and small shampoos and soaps are also greatly needed for the Center's homeless patrons. Please note the Center does not accept general clothing donations and a list of needed items is available at www.trinityjubileecenter.org/?pageid=138

Trinity Jubilee Center

Dedicated to advocacy for those in need in Lewiston-Auburn

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Jacob Allen	Aug	12
Daniel Abromson		14
Stuart Isaacson		15
Jacob Teich		15
Seth Meyer		18
Danale Jensen		19
Joseph Jensen		19
Jed Kutzen		19
Deena Weinstein		20
David Allen		22
Sam Allen		23
David Gardner		26
Jerrold Cohen		30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

Neal & Lesli Weiner	Aug	3
Harvey & Elaine Bell		5
Naomi & James Nesbitt		5
Lewis & Helene Perry		7
Jerrold & Jennifer Cohen		11
Joel & Jennifer Simons		15
Christopher & Mara King		23
Lisa & Ray Belanger		30
Amy & Robert Jensen		31

Yahrzeiten

Seymour Tetenman	2
Nathan Kutzen	4
Lester Miller	9
Jay Graber	10
Joseph Koss	11
Martha Bodenheimer	15
Minette Lezberg	15
Irving Kraunz	17
Pearl Brody	19
Charles Traister	21
Dorothy Miller	23
George Harris	26
Matilda Kraunz	27
Ann Frankel	29
Arthur Salberg	29
Hyman Rubenstein	30
David Krasner	30



A great way to honor special occasions or remember those who have passed is with a donation to Temple Shalom.

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HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, 9/9	7:00 pm	Erev Rosh Hashana Sacred Music Concert & Service
Monday, 9/10	9:00 am	Rosh Hashana 1 st Day Service
Tuesday, 9/11	9:00 am	Rosh Hashana 2 nd Day Service
Tuesday, 9/18	6:00 pm	Kol Nidrei Service
Wednesday, 9/19	9:00 am	Yom Kippur Service
	5:45 pm	Yizkor
	6:15 pm	Ne'ilah
	7:15 pm	Break-the-Fast – Please RSVP!

YOM KIPPUR BREAK-THE-FAST

There will be a Break-the-Fast this year **on Wednesday, September 19th**. All are welcome.

There is no set fee required; as we have in the past, we ask for donations to help defray our costs. Suggested donations; \$5 per person (child or adult). For those who observe the traditional prohibition against carrying money on Yom Kippur, there will be slips of paper next to our donation jar. Write an "I.O.U." and you'll be billed. **This is a catered food event and we need to know that you will be attending, please R.S.V.P. 786-4201.**



CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL FUND

Ellen Frankel & Herbert Levine

In honor of Riley Barter-Levine's bat mitzvah

Anne & David Allen

In honor of Riley Barter-Levine's bat mitzvah

In honor of Judith Ross' bat mitzvah

To Joe Moscinski in memory of Mo

Sheri & Joel Olstein

In honor of Riley Barter-Levine's bat mitzvah

In honor of Judith Ross' bat mitzvah

Bertha Bodenheimer

In honor of Babs Shapiro's special birthday

In honor of Babs & Mike Shapiro's 60th anniversary

In memory of George Laskoff

Lesli & Neal Weiner

In honor of Riley Barter-Levine's bat mitzvah

In honor of Judith Ross' bat mitzvah

In memory of her mother, Bernice Harris

To Joy Zidle in memory of her sister, Bernice

Birnbach

Sandra Traister

In honor of Babs Shapiro's birthday

In honor of Babs & Mike Shapiro's 60th anniversary

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In honor of Riley Barter-Levine's bat mitzvah

In honor of Judith Ross' bat mitzvah

Harriet & Behzad Fakhery

In honor of Judith Ross' bat mitzvah

Speedy recovery to Babs Shapiro

Cathy & Stan Tetenman

In memory of Seymour Tetenman

Marianne Miller

In memory of Lester Miller

Jerryanne La Perriere

In memory of George Laskoff

ABROMSON MEMORIAL FUND

Judy Abromson

In honor of Babs Shapiro's 80th birthday

In honor of Babs & Mike Shapiro's 60th anniversary

To Anne Allen in honor of being named Person of the Year

To Helene & Lewis Perry in honor of their grandchildren's
high school graduations

To Ellen & Aaron Burke in honor of grandson Colby &
Leela's wedding

To Anita & Tallus Miles in honor of son Colby &
Leela's wedding

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AUGUST AT TEMPLE SHALOM

Thursday, 8/2	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 8/4	10:00 am	Andrew Casares Bar Mitzvah – RSVP!
Monday, 8/6	5:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh at Bertha Bodenheimer’s Cottage Potluck – RSVP!
Thursday, 8/9	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 9/10	7:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday, 8/11		NO Shabbat Service
Monday, 8/13	4:00 pm	Book Group
	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Temple Board Meeting
Thursday, 8/16	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 8/18	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
	7:00 pm	Kiddush Levana/Havdallah at the Faiman’s - RSVP!
Thursday, 8/23	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 8/25		NO Shabbat Service
Tuesday, 8/28	12:00 Noon	Lunch & Learn at the Allen Home – RSVP!
Thursday, 8/30	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast

